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SUBJ: CROWN PRINCE FAHD'S VISIT TO U.S.; THE SITUATION IN

SOUTH LEBANON

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1. CHARGE CALLED ON GOL FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTER BOUTROS AT MINDEF HQS AT YARZE JUNE 1 AND BRIEFED HIM ON DISCUSSIONS DURING CROWN PRINCE FAHD'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON PER REF A. CHARGE ADDED, PER REF B, THAT SECRETARY HAD MADE A POINT OF RAISING LEBANON WITH PRINCE SAUD, HAD URGED SAUDIS TO SUPPORT PRESIDENT SARKIS AND THAT SAUD SAID SAUDIS WOULD DO SO. BOUTROS

LISTENED CAREFULLY BUT MADE NO COMMENT.

2. BOUTROS

SAID THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF URGENT MILITARY
MATTERS THAT NEEDED HIS ATTENTION AND HE EXPECTED TO BE ZORKING
OUT OF HIS YARZE OFFICE FO
NEXT FEW DAYS. HE THEN MENTIONED
THAT HE HAD RECENTLY BEEN VISITED BY A DELEGATION FROM THE
MARJAYUN-HASBAYA AREA IN SOUTH LEBANON WHICH HAD APPEALED TO
HIM TO ARRANGE A CEASE-FIRE IN THIS AREA SO THAT THE FARMERS
COULD HARVEST THEIR CROPS. HE WAS NOW TRYING TO DEVISE
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A WAY TO DO THIS AND WOULD BE CONSULTING WITH GENERAL KHOURY AND "RESISTANCE LEADERS." HOWEVER, KFUR FRONT LEADERS CLAIM THEY NO TONGER HAVE ANY INFLUENCE WITH CHRISTIAN FORCES IN MARJAYUN-QULAYAH AREA. HE MIGHT THEREFORE REQUEST USG TO ASK ISRAELIS TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE WITH THEIR CHRISTIAN ALLIES IN THIS REGION TO ORGANIZE SUCH A CEASE-FIRE. BOUTROS INDICATED SUCH

A REQUEST MIGHT BE FORTHCOMING WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK
SINCE THE HARVEST SEASON IN THAT AREA HAS ALREADY BEGUN.
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